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Wednesday, June 6, 2007	7:30 PM.	Room 206 Town Hall
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Commission Members Present: Peter Hillman, Reese Hutchison, Peter Kenyon, Craig Flaherty, Ned Lewis, Ellen Kirby and Susan Cameron

Staff Present: David Keating

Court Reporter: Bonnie Syat

7:00 P.M.
EXECUTIVE SESSION
Room 213 Town Hall

Executive Session with Counsel and staff to discuss pending litigation.

The Executive Session originally scheduled for 7 p.m. was cancelled. The General Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in Room 206 of the Darien Town Hall.

7:30 P.M.
GENERAL MEETING
Room 206 Town Hall

Mr. Hillman announced that the Public Hearing regarding the Hoyt Street Partners project (formerly the "Procaccini property") that was scheduled for continuation later in the evening will not be held today. Instead, the Public Hearing will be continued on June 19, 2007 in the Auditorium of Town Hall.

New Business:

Mr. Hillman read the following agenda item under New Business to see if any Commission members believed that a Public Hearing would be necessary.

EPC-36-2007, Peter Greenberg, 7 Buttonwood Lane proposing demolition of an existing house and new house construction within an upland review area. The site is located on the north side of Buttonwood Lane at the northwest intersection of Buttonwood Lane and Brookside Drive and is shown on Assessor's Map #5 as Lot #7.

The Commission believed that the proposed activity was very close to the wetlands and could have a negative impact on the wetlands, and therefore it would be appropriate to schedule a Public Hearing. Commission members agreed that the hearing shall be conducted on July 11, 2007 in room 206 of Town Hall.

Mr. Hillman then read the following agenda item:

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EPC-39-2007, Wee Burn Country Club, 410 Hollow Tree Ridge Road, proposing water and sewer line extension within an upland review area. The site is located on the north side of Hollow Tree Ridge Road at the north east intersection of Hollow Tree Ridge Road and Hanson Road and is shown on Assessor's Map #7 as Lot 64/66.

The Commission members believed that there has been much public interest about the activities at this Country Club, that a year has passed with no remediation plan presented for outstanding violations, that this specific proposal could also have a significant impact, and therefore it would be appropriate to conduct a Public Hearing regarding the application. Commission members agreed that a hearing should be scheduled for July 11, 2007.

Mr. Hillman read the following agenda item:

EPC-33-2007, Jeffrey Marston, 49 Goodwives River Road, proposing a house addition and septic system within an upland review area. The site is located on the west side of Goodwives River Road approximately 1100 feet north of the intersection of Goodwives River Road and Sunswyck Road and is shown on Assessor's Map #49 as Lot #8.

Mrs. Cameron said that the proposed activity is very close to the Goodwives River and no details have been provided regarding the proposed septic system. She thought that a Public Hearing should be scheduled for July 11, 2007, and the applicant will need to provide details about the septic system and the drainage design. The applicant's architect, Howard Patterson, said that the property was purchased in 2005 and that it is approximately one-third of an acre in a one acre (R-1) zone. He said that the septic system has been designed in accordance with the Health Code requirements and has been approved by the Health Department. Mr. Patterson said that the proposed lawn area to the rear of the addition is at least 18 feet above the elevation of the river, and that the existing The house currently has just two bedrooms. It is being expanded by a total of 2,400 square feet. Mrs. Cameron said that the proposal is doubling the size of the house and substantially increasing the amount of impervious surface. It would be appropriate to have an engineer at the Public Hearing.

The rest of the Commission members agreed that a Public Hearing would be appropriate, and they scheduled a Public Hearing for July 11, 2007.

Mr. Hillman read the following agenda item:

Old Business:

EPC-25-2007 Sanford and Nicole Ewing, 110 Stephen Mather Road, proposing drainage pipe installation and landscaping within a regulated area. The site is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Stephen Mather Road and Maplewood Road and is shown on Assessor's Map #1 as Lot #36.

Commission member Flaherty said that he has worked with this particular contractor in the past, but has no financial or financial interest in the current application. He said that he will review and act on the application in an unbiased manner. No one had any objection to his participation.

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Contractor John Sweeney said that at the last meeting there was some discussion about enhancing the wetland edge in the southwest corner of the site. He said that the plans had been revised to reflect this. He introduced William Kenny, a landscape architect and soil and wetland scientist. Mr. Kenny is serving as consultant to the owners.

Mr. Kenny said that the southwest corner of the site is the location of several ditches that have lowered the water table. He said that in order to create functional wetlands, they will lower the grade in the southwest corner to expand the floodplain and make some wetland area at groundwater level.

Mr. Hillman said that this is a substantial improvement to the design, but Mr. Flaherty said that the application now involves substantial clearing of vegetation in the buffer area along the wetlands to create lawn on a very large property. He said that the roots of the upland trees in the vicinity of the soil to be excavated may be negatively impacted by the desire to remove soil to create wetland. He said that some of the proposed lawn is even extended into the wetland area. Mrs. Cameron commented that many trees have been marked to be removed. Mr. Sweeney said that the trees that remain in the canopy of trees will leave the area shady. He said that the desire is to create a park-like setting. He also noted that the drains from the driveway were installed in 1994, and that the drains from the roof go to that drainage ditch also.

Mr. Kenny questioned whether the proposed work would reduce the flood storage of the area by piping and creating more lawn. He said that it might be more appropriate to just clean out the drainage ditch than to pipe it through the wetlands.

John Sweeney said that the addition to the house has already been permitted because it was not within the regulated area. He said that work is being handled by a different contractor. He said that a water service line from Mansfield Avenue had received permission to be installed in 1994, but it was never done.

Mr. Kenny said that many decent trees in or near the wetlands will remain. He said that the ditch through the site will have a dam at one end of it to keep water in the ditch, and therefore retain the water and wetland-like conditions. Mr. Sweeney said that they would be removing about 36 out of 80 large trees in the area. He said that they would be adding many shrubs along with the wetland vegetation.

Mr. Kenyon stated that the EPC would be remiss in its responsibility as the Flood and Erosion Control Board by allowing so many trees to be cut down and their root structures destroyed. It is known throughout Darien that the EPC is concerned with tree removal and potential impacts on downstream flooding and that the EPC would be subject to well deserved criticism if they were to approve this application as proposed.

Mr. Hillman said that the Commission members are justifiably resistant to the removal of many trees, the expansion of the lawn into the wetland area, the piping of the water through part of the wetlands, and the extensive impact that the proposed activities will have. Mr. Kenny said that the current wetland is already drained and is not functioning as a wetland, but it is still legally defined as a wetland soil. He said that the tree removal is necessary to lower the grade.

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After further discussion, the following motion was made: That the Commission members deny without prejudice the application as presently configured because it would create lawn within the wetland, would result in the removal of too many trees in and around the wetlands, would pipe the water through the wetlands, and is generally not a positive balance with respect to its impact on the wetland area. The motion to deny was made by Mr. Kenyon and seconded by Mr. Flaherty. It was unanimously approved. The Commission members said that the applicant needs to rethink and revise the plans and scale back, then resubmit revised plans to the Commission.

Mr. Hillman read the following agenda item:

EPC-2-2006 Richard Windels on behalf of Laurie Stuek, 22 Driftway Lane, requesting permit amendment to allow maintenance dredging of pond.

Mr. Keating said that this application had previously been approved and was accidentally placed on the agenda.

Mr. Hillman then read the following agenda item:

EPC-60-2003, David and Jennifer Shea, 6 Fox Hill Lane, requesting permit amendment to revise driveway location within an upland review area.

David and Jennifer Shea were present at the meeting along with their environmental consultant, Kate Throckmorton. It was explained that the plans had been revised to substantially modify the driveway design. This revised driveway design has the garage doors facing the street, and therefore reduces the amount of driveway surface by a considerable amount. The portion of the driveway closest to the wetland and watercourse will be removed from the plans. There is an approximately 23% reduction in the paved driveway area.

Mr. Flaherty said that this is a great example of creative thinking and how to minimize the impact on the wetlands. Mrs. Cameron agreed and said that the small addition to the garage width is certainly okay because of the substantial reduction in the amount of driveway close to the wetland.

The following motion was made: That the Commission approve the modifications to the previously-submitted plans. The motion was made by Mr. Hillman, seconded by Mrs. Cameron and unanimously approved.

M. Hillman read the following agenda item:

EPC-32-2007, Ian and Lisa Webb, 33 Knollwood Lane, proposing drainage improvements within a regulated area and upland review area. The site is located on the north side of Knollwood Lane approximately 1000 feet west of the intersection of Knollwood Lane and Mansfield Avenue and is shown on Assessor's Map #6 as Lot #72

Mr. Gregory Liberman, wetland scientist of Stearns & Wheeler Engineering, said that the applicant is seeking to improve the drainage of the mowed lawn that extends into the wetlands area. He said that the design has been to tread lightly in the wetland area. They propose to install a vegetative spur along the west side of the property and then direct the water to the north so that it can flow

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through the center of the site in an easterly direction. He said this will shift the water toward the vegetative wetlands and retain it on the site even longer than it does under the present conditions. He said that the trench drains just north of the house will be used to direct water to the east and therefore toward the brook.

Mr. Flaherty said that it appears that the applicant does not like the fact that their lawn in the wetland is wet. He also noted that the stone patio is not shown on the submitted maps and plans. The Commission members noted that this situation dates back to a 2002 violation. Mr. Liberman said that mitigation proposed includes new trees on the other side of the drainage ditch that goes in an east/west direction.

Mr. Kenyon and Mr. Hillman said that there is need for an update on the mitigation work that has already taken place. They noted that many of the wetland plantings have not survived. Mr. Hutchison said that the pipe labeled as a four inch PVC on the plan actually looks much bigger than that in the field. He wondered how much water flows through that pipe. Mr. Liberman said that there are two goals: one is to get water away from the basement; and the second is to get water away from the house. He said that he will revise the plans and resubmit them to the Commission. The Commission members agreed that the discussion regarding this matter would be continued on July 11, 2007.

Mr. Hillman read the following agenda item:

EPC-35-2007, Charles Ziga and Annie Roberts, 5 Overbrook Lane, proposing stone wall construction within a regulated area. The site is located on the south side of Overbrook Lane approximately 500 feet east of the intersection Overbrook Lane and Brookside Road and is shown on Assessor's Map #15 as Lot #40.

Mr. Ziga said that there is much siltation and debris that has collected in the pond due to the leaching of the Hope Pond, which is uphill of his property. He said that his pond was last dredged in 2000, but it needs to be done again. Mr. Hutchison said that he thought the pond was dredged more recently than 2000. Mrs. Cameron said that the Country Club of Darien is located not far above the site, and they clean out their ponds and catch basins on a routine basis. She said that their ponds and catch basins also collect much debris.

Mr. Ziga said that sometimes you can hear a change in the water flow when the Country Club of Darien changes its outflow patterns.

The following motion was made: That the Commission members approve the application for the installation of a stone wall within a regulated area in accordance with the submitted plans and materials. The motion was made by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Hutchison and unanimously approved.

Mr. Hillman read the following agenda item:

EPC-34-2007, Alex Jackson, 19 Circle Road, proposing a fence within an upland review area. The site is located on the west side of Circle Road approximately 1,500 feet south of the intersection of Circle Road and Old Kings Highway North and is shown on Assessor's Map #34 as Lot #9.

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No one was present to explain the application materials to the Commission members. The Commission members decided to continue the discussion on this matter on the meeting of July 11, 2007.

Chairman Hillman then read the following agenda item:

EPC-38-2007, Tom and Marilyn Stephens, 32 Sunset Road, proposing a shed within an upland review area. The site is located on the east side of Sunset Road approximately 1260 feet east of the intersection of Sunset Road and Mansfield Avenue and is shown on Assessor's Map #15 as Lot # 73 & 74.

Mr. Stephens explained that the proposed work involves the installation of a shed within the regulated area of the Goodwives River. He said that the shed would be located on a concrete base, and that there would be no adverse impacts to the environment along the river. Commission members reviewed and discussed the application.

The following motion was then made: That the Commission approve the application for the installation of the shed. The motion was made by Mr. Hillman, seconded by Mrs. Cameron and unanimously approved.

Mr. Hillman read the following agenda item:

EPC-37-2007, Murat Akgun and Katherine Uniacke, 71 Stony Brook Road, proposing a sanitary sewer line within a regulated area. The site is located on the west side of Stony Brook Road approximately 400 feet south of the intersection of Stony Brook Road and Leroy Avenue and is shown on Assessor's Map #19 as Lot #31.

No one was present to discuss the application with the Commission. The Commission members decided to continue the discussion regarding this matter at its meeting of July 11, 2007.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing portion of the meeting was started. Chairman Hillman read the following agenda item:

EPC-21-2007 Katherine Kidder, 43 Blueberry Lane, proposing wetland restoration plantings to correct a violation. The property is located on the west side of Blueberry Lane approximately 1100 feet south of the intersection of Blueberry Lane and Ox Ridge Lane and is shown on Assessor's Map #7 as Lot #34. (continued from May 2).

Attorney Al Tibbetts and Environmental Consultant Kate Throckmorton represented the applicant. Mr. Hillman said that the previous owner obtained approval to install a swimming pool. That approval was designed to protect and preserve the wetlands and the trees around the wetlands. The previous owner had apparently cut the trees and filled the wetlands before the trees before they marketed the site. He said that Ms. Kidder now has a swimming pool that was built in accordance

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with the Regulations except that the wetlands and trees between the house and the pool have been substantially altered by the previous owner.

Mrs. Cameron said that it is appropriate to restore the wetlands with low plants so that from the house the owner can see over the wetlands and view the pool area. The wetlands need to be restored.

Kate Throckmorton said that the revised plans for restoration include adding more trees and adding a low wall around the wetlands. The mitigation in the north center area of the property is to restore the wetlands. They will be adding a pergola structure near the house because that is what started the review of the current conditions. Mr. Flaherty said that he was comfortable with the pergola and the tree restoration, but the wetland needs to be restored more substantially than shown on the plans. He said that it should not be lawn area.

Ms. Kidder said that she cannot allow a vegetative buffer between the house and the pool because it could obstruct the sight line and create a safety issue.

Commission members discussed the situation further. There were no comments from the public regarding the application. The following motion was made: That the Commission close the Public Hearing regarding this matter. The motion was made by Mr. Hillman, seconded by Mr. Hutchison. Voting in favor were Messrs. Hillman, Hutchison, Lewis and Flaherty. Opposed to the motion were Mrs. Cameron and Mr. Kenyon.

Mr. Hillman asked that the staff draft a resolution to approve the project and said that the Commission would act upon the application at a future meeting.

Mr. Hillman read the following agenda item:

EPC-24-2007, Hoyt Street Partners, LLC, 285, 289 & 293 Hoyt Street, proposing condominium construction and related site development within an upland review area. The site is located on the east side of Hoyt Street approximately 250 feet north of the intersection of Hoyt Street and Wakemore Street and is shown on Assessor's Map #8 as Lot #'s 204, 206, 207, 228 and 229.

It was again noted that the Public Hearing regarding this matter will be continued on June 19, 2007 in Town Hall.

Mr. Hillman read the following agenda item:

EPC-26-2007 James and Karen Reilly, 41 Nearwater Lane, proposing demolition of a house within the upland review area and grading and landscaping associated with new house construction. The site is located on the west side of Nearwater Lane approximately 1200 feet south of the intersection of Nearwater Lane and Boston Post Road and is shown on Assessor's Map #52 as Lot #23.

James Reilly said that they are proposing to remove the existing house that is located adjacent to the wetlands. A new house will be built farther from the wetlands and will not be within the regulated area. He said that the existing house is approximately 104 years old, but has no historic value. It is also located about 11.7 feet from the south property line, and is therefore very close to the neighbor.

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They have applied to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance of the lot width requirement, and noted that they propose to construct the house approximately 100 feet away from the wetlands. He said that they would need greater variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals in order to add onto the existing house, and additions to the existing house would be closer to the wetlands than the proposed new house.

Mrs. Cameron said that she reviewed the application and the site, and sees no reason to keep the existing house. Mr. Reilly said that they would not need to remove any trees down near the wetlands. They have proposed the installation of a rain garden in the vicinity of the old house, and they will be removing approximately 100 feet of the old driveway.

There were no comments from the public regarding this application. Commission members wanted to see details about the rain garden. Mr. Reilly said that he had submitted those to Mr. Jacobson, but Mr. Jacobson was unable to attend the meeting due to a family illness. The Commission members decided to continue the Public Hearing on June 19, 2007 so that they will have an opportunity to review the rain garden plans.

Chairman Hillman read the following agenda item:

EPC-28-2007 John and Mary Keane 22 Hamilton Lane, proposing demolition of a house and construction of new residence within the upland review area. The site is located on the south side of Hamilton Lane approximately 1000 feet west of the intersection of Hamilton Lane and Brookside Road and is shown on Assessor's Map #10 as Lot #25.

Tuan Nguyen of Stearns & Wheler Engineering represented Mary Keane. He said that renovations to the existing house are not feasible or practical, and it has been decided that they will remove the old house and build a new house. The front portion of the site is a regulated inland wetland area. The house will be built in the central and rear portions of the property. Mr. Nguyen said that they will keep the existing gravel driveway that goes around the wetland and build a new house farther from the wetlands than the existing house. He said that there will be no increase in the peak runoff, and they will connect the storm water drainage pipes to the catch basin in the street. He said that his client is very well aware of the flooding that has occurred in the Hamilton Lane area. He said that this property is flat, but it has not flooded in recent memory.

Mr. Nguyen said that they will bring the runoff water from the gutters and leaders to the drainage system and discharge it into the storm drainage system in the street. This will allow the water to flow through the drainage system before the peak runoff occurs from upstream sites. He said that the total impervious area will be increased by only a very small amount.

In response to questions, he said that if the discharge from the leaders is not piped to the street, then it will just drain into the wetlands. Mr. Flaherty said that it would be appropriate and better to have the storm water runoff filter through the lawn and then go to the wetlands, and then possibly have an overflow outlet pipe that would allow it to flow into the storm drainage system in the street. The outlet or overflow pipe should not be located at or below the grade because then it would drain the wetland. Instead, it should be located above the ground level so that it will only allow for the overflow of water to go into the storm water drainage system in the street. Mr. Nguyen said that more plants would be added to the wetland if desired.

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Mr. Kenyon said that on the Town Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Map this lot and many of the adjacent lots are shown as all wetlands. He said that he needs to see a detailed soils report to verify the central and rear portions of the property are not wetlands. It was pointed out that the applicant had submitted a soil report from Cynthia Rabinowitz. There was a question about whether Ms. Rabinowitz had reviewed the entire site or only a portion of the site. Mr. Hillman suggested that the applicant obtain a letter from Ms. Rabinowitz to confirm that she had examined the entire site. He also said that the plan should be revised so that the storm water runoff would be discharged into the wetland after it had run through the lawn area.

Mrs. Keane said that the existing house is approximately 2200 square feet. The proposed replacement house will have approximately 2500 square feet of finished space on the first floor. There will be a second floor, but it is not proposed to be finished at this time. Mr. Nguyen said that the footprint of the existing house is 2200 square feet, and the proposed house would have 3000 square feet. Mr. Flaherty said that it would be appropriate to provide details about the amount of finished space on each floor. Mrs. Cameron asked about the soil types. Mr. Flaherty said that there is already information about the soil types in the report, but he noted that the soils report contained a bold face disclaimer that should be clarified. The Commission members decided that it would be appropriate to continue the Public Hearing on this matter on June 19, 2007 in Town Hall.

Mr. Hillman read the following agenda item:

EPC-29-2007 Woodway Country Club, 540 Hoyt Street, proposing golf course improvements within an upland review area. The site is located on the west side of Hoyt Street approximately 1000 feet north of the intersection of Woodway Road and Hoyt Street and is shown on Assessor's Map #3 as Lot #137.

Mr. Flaherty recused himself from participation in order to avoid any perception of a potential conflict of interest.

Brian McMahon, Professional Engineer from Redniss & Mead, said that some modifications of the golf course and facilities would be outside the regulated area, and some of them would be located within the EPC's jurisdiction. He said that there are approximately 190 acres in total on this site, but 50 +/- acres are located in Stamford. He said that the proposed work in Stamford was approved by the Stamford Environmental Protection Board last month. Mr. McMahon said that most of the site modifications are relatively minor. He reviewed the type of work that is proposed. He said that they would be adding two storm water basins to catch silt and sediment and road sand in the vicinity of Holes #17 and #18. This is shown on Sheet 4. He said that the planting plan that the Commission requested has been submitted. Greg Lieberman of Stearns & Wheeler said that there are three different zones that will be planted. Some would be seasonally inundated aquatic areas. Another zone would be transition areas, and the third zone would be aquatic-type plants. He said that the work of these zones varies and it is based on elevation.

Larry Pakkala, Grounds Manager of Woodway Country Club, said that the Leeds Lane drainage system travels under Hoyt Street and discharges in the vicinity of Holes 17 and 18. He said that they intend to install a sediment trap in that area to prevent the silt and debris from moving farther through their system. He submitted a letter from Rich explaining the intent of the sediment basins.

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Mr. McMahon said that they could put another sediment trap in that area, but it would be limited in size unless they do some work within the wetland area. He said that they can do some work within the State right-of-way since it is related to the street drainage system. He will coordinate that work with the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

Mr. Pakkala said that they realize that much of the site is a flood plain area adjacent to the Noroton River, and therefore much of the storm water is managed. He said that they occasionally have some damage from the Noroton River, and sometimes it costs them thousands of dollars to clean up the flood-related damage.

Mr. Arias of 24 Woodway Road in Stamford said that he came to the meeting to make sure that the drainage changes at the club would not impact the downstream owners. Mr. Tu of 137 Woodway Road in Stamford said that the water of the Noroton River rises higher now than it did years ago. Mr. Pakkala said that the Bothwell subdivision development on the corner of Hoyt Street and Woodway Road was implemented within the past decade. He said that the storm of April 15th and 16th produced the worst flooding that he has seen in the vicinity since 1955. Mr. McMahon said that all the work the Club undertakes will not make the flooding condition any worse for the neighbors. He was asked if the work on the golf course property might be able to make the flooding conditions on the neighboring properties less of a problem. Mr. McMahon said that the maintenance and enhancement of the golf course site is the primary goal of this project. He said that the amount of runoff from the site won't change. He said that the watershed of the upper portion of the Noroton River is so large that the ability of the golf course to improve the flooding (make the flooding less noticeable) is restricted by the huge volume of water that is carried by the Noroton River. He said that more than anything else, the development that has occurred upstream has impacted the amount of water that flows through the Noroton River on a flood event.

Mr. Pakkala said that in 2000, when the new clubhouse was constructed, they actually had to divert water away from the river. He said that his experience is the river is not any worse than it was years ago, except in flash flood type conditions where there is a heavy downpour of rain. He said that part of their design includes the installation of new sand bunkers that will act as dry well systems. He said that, as on other courses, they could install a drain underneath the sand bunker and discharge the water directly to the river. In the case of Woodway Country Club, they will allow the bunker to serve as a drywell to allow the water to slowly percolate into the soil rather than quickly piping it toward the river. Mr. Pakkala said that it is important that the ponds near Hole #18 be protected by the sediment trap that is proposed.

In response to questions from McMahon, Commission members said that the size of the sediment traps should be increased, even if that would have a slight impact on the wetland area. Mr. McMahon said that he will work on revised plans.

The Commission members decided that they will continue the Public Hearing regarding this matter on June 19, 2007 to see if improvements can be made to the drainage system.

The General Meeting was resumed. Mr. Flaherty had left the meeting earlier and was not present.

Other Business:

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Mr. Hillman read the following agenda item:

Vote to adopt the Framework To Address Flooding

Commission members said that the policy was formally adopted by the Selectmen, and the Selectmen had asked if the EPC would formally adopt the policy.

The following motion was made: That the Commission formally adopt the “Framework on Flooding Policy”. The motion was made by Mr. Hutchison, seconded by Mr. Hillman and unanimously approved.

Chairman Hillman read the following agenda items:

EPC-35-2004, Kristin Nemec, 60 Inwood Road, requesting bond release.

EPC-5-2004, Peter and Patricia Daigle, 5 Royle Road, requesting bond release.

It was decided that these matters would be discussed at a future meeting.

Mr. Hillman read the following agenda item:

8 Contentment Island Road, Wilder G. Gleason, Esquire, requesting permission to remove and replace dead trees and provide additional plantings in a Conservation Easement.

Mr. Kenyon said that an arborist’s report would be necessary. Mrs. Cameron said that the tree was hit by lightning, but that there are several other issues that are incorrect on the report (for example, she said that the report refers to “knotweed” when in fact it is “pokeweed” that is at the site). She said that the invasive species should be removed manually and not be sprayed. The Commission members decided that it would be appropriate to have the applicant present rather than taking any action on this application at this time.

Mr. Hillman read the following agenda item:

Darien High School baseball field – Update on Erosion and Sediment Controls

Commission members noted that Mr. Canas was not present. They will discuss this matter when Mr. Canas can be present.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Keating
Assistant Director of Planning

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